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### Uncle John's Josh

I'D LIKE TO SEE 'EM  
SPREAD THE TABLE  
FOR THE PRODIGAL  
DAUGHTER TOO.



### CAUTION CITY CULLINGS

(By A. T. Edmonston.)

Jefferson City, Feb. 6.—Metropolitan newspaper representatives, the rapid-fire scribes here in the trenches for the dailies, large and small, of St. Louis, Kansas City, St. Joseph, Springfield, Joplin and Sedalia, are more numerous, alert and vigilant than ever before in the history of Missouri's biennial general assemblies, and chiefly, for the reason that many huge legislative measures are on the tapis, hanging fire for factional Republican reasons, and developments are not breaking as fast and furious as has been the case during previous more harmonious sessions. The "mysterious stranger" with the flush of the tremendous victory of last November still visible in every utterance and intention, but not in general activities and achievements, show signs of weakening and going down and out on Gov. Hyde's proposed masterpieces in legislation even before they have been introduced into both houses.

For this reason the big metropolitan newspapers have their best men on the job ready, regardless of politics, to turn the limelight of publicity on all failures of the many new, untried legislators to measure up to the clean, efficient standard they claimed to possess when they were before the electors last fall. It means hard work and long hours for the press lads, but the excitement is so keen and the Republican factional fight for the pie which is on is so interesting that none fall asleep on the job.

The newspapermen are favoring Gov. Hyde in his battle with the Republican Senators and Representatives who have lined up against his program in the effort to exchange legislation for patronage.

**Post-Dispatch Turns on the Light**  
Curtis A. Betts and Vincent M. Carroll are here for that undaunted champion of justice, and the welfare of Missouri, the St. Louis Post-Dispatch. The two showed their disapproval of the failure of the Fifty-first General Assembly to accomplish anything up to last Saturday through scorching articles in the Sunday issue of the paper they represent which promulgated the information far and wide that half of the present session is over and not a bill has passed both legislative branches. The Senate has approved one measure and the House five minor ones. It was pointed out, and in no gentle language, that not one of the many big campaign measures which were promised the people by the Republican party last fall before the election, had even been introduced. Here is an excerpt from the leading Sunday Post-Dispatch Legislative inactivity criticism, wired in Saturday night by one of its Jefferson City staff correspondents:

"By Staff Correspondent of the Post-Dispatch."

"Jefferson City, Feb. 5.—Twenty-eight of the 70 days of the legislative session have elapsed without the passage by both houses of one measure, and state officials, department heads and others interested in important legislation are beginning to wonder how much of the program, promised by the Republican party will be enacted.

"In the House 504 bills have been introduced, of which 465 have gone to committees and 70 have been engrossed. Five minor appropriation bills have passed in the House. Of the big measures for schools, taxation, workmen's compensation and governmental reform not one has emerged from committee for action on the floor. The road and consolidation bills have not even been introduced, except for one bill to consolidate 12 boards and departments dealing with agriculture.

"The Senate is no better off. There 371 bills have been thrown into the mill, 39 have come out of committees, 48 have been engrossed, five are on the calendar for third reading, and, one, to enable Pettis county to repair its court house, has been passed and sent to the House.

"House in Sea of Trivialities"  
"The House has been drifting in a sea filled with footsoms of trivial measures. Hours have been wasted in discussion of whether \$20 or \$10 should be paid as bounty for the scalp of

wolves and coyotes, of an anti-craps-shooting bill, whether railroads should be compelled to furnish public comfort stations, and whether the red haw should be the State Flower.

"Much oratory was expended on the dog law, the proposition to re-establish the ill-fated Capitol Restaurant and in the institution of seven separate investigations by the House, none of which has shown any definite results and at least five of which are not expected to show any. Several hours have been required on the floor to correct errors in measures which had been reported out by committees.

"In the Senate, the minority, throttled by the Lloyd caucus combine, has no opportunity to speed up legislation, and no one has been able to ascertain what is behind the failure of the caucus combine to start things moving.

"Most of the members of the House have little idea what is going on behind the scenes, and the few who do refuse to tell. The men expected to lead the way in the House talk now and then of 'little meetings' the other night and which things were discussed but who was present and when the legislative bell will begin to roll are questions which have gone unanswered."

### St. Louis Globe-Democrat Aids Hyde

The two journalistic veterans who are on the legislative firing line for the St. Louis Globe-Democrat, Asa Hutson and Chas. B. Oldham, for the Sunday issue of that gospel of veracity (when it comes to real news) kept the wires red hot Saturday night sending scorching information to the "Great Religious Daily" dealing with the inactivities of the Fifty-first General Assembly to the effect that "Hyde intended to exert every possible power to put through his legislative program." The same article went on to announce that "Hyde does not propose to barter patronage with the legislature for legislation" and that he "would not surrender one iota of his power of appointment to put his program over, but that the program would go over regardless of the opposition of any legislative combine or influence, and this, in a hurry too."

Here is an excerpt from the Globe-Democrat's scorching arraignment of the greedy, suggestive indolence of the present overwhelming Republican legislature, the very legislature it espoused, sponsored, stood for, and helped to elect last fall, as it appeared in the Sunday issue of that big Republican newspaper.

"By a Staff Correspondent."  
"Jefferson City, Mo., Feb. 5.—Governor Hyde has decided to put every ounce of his influence behind his legislative program in the Legislature with a view to putting it through before the congestion incident to the close of a session occurs.

"He announced tonight that he will send a special message to the Legislature next week urging early and favorable consideration upon the county unit school bill which has back of it the education interests of the state.

"Later he will discuss in a special message pending election bills for safeguarding the primary and general elections of Missouri against fraud. The important election bills have been reported from the election committees and are now upon the House and Senate calendars for engrossment.

"Lawyers are now threshing his measures to consolidate the various boards and departments and these will be introduced early next week and vigorously pushed.

"Will Not Surrender Power."  
"Hyde said he does not promise to surrender one iota of his power of appointment—in other words he does not propose to barter patronage with the Legislature for legislation. He proposes to push his administration measures upon the grounds of merit alone and let them pass or fall upon that test alone.

"Hyde announced shortly after he took office that no appointments would be made unless there are actual vacancies which interfere with the operations of important departments until after the important legislation is out of the way. He explained that he wanted to devote all his time to obtain beneficial legislation rather than to the consideration of patronage propositions."

It is War to the Finish.  
At this writing it is war to the finish between Hyde and his partymen who aim to trade promised legislation for lucrative appointments for political henchmen. The crucial test will occur within the week. The metropolitan newspaper men will stick to Governor Hyde.

The Kansas City Star-Times which is represented here by the flower of its huge reporter staff, Theodore C. Alford, Phil S. Hoyt and Miss Francis Dixon, carried Sunday the same Hyde defy to those Republican legislators who are delaying his program as did the Post-Dispatch and Globe-Democrat.

It is all "warm stuff" for the metropolitan newspaper men and they gloat over every line they pound out on their typewriters before it is shot across the state to be put into cold, blackface type. Not since the days of 1905 when the Republicans had a similar heavy majority in the General Assembly, and it was up to the controlling aggregation to elect a United States Senator, and a deadlock was on with the hour of adjournment only a few minutes away, has there been as much bitterness, discord and war with stone clubs in sight. That memorial year as the hands of the clock marked the close of the session with the failure to agree still on some infuriated Republican assemblyman threw a heavy glass ink well at the face of the official time-piece of the General Assembly forever stilling its slowly measured faithfulness, to give the Republicans the opportunity to compromise an William Warner of Kansas City as the next Junior United States Senator from Missouri.

Other Newspapermen Who are Here.  
J. H. Edwards, probably best remembered as Chief Clerk during the term of the Jefferson City banker, Sam B. Cook, as Secretary of State, is grinding out the copy the Kansas City Journal reproduces every morning to keep its Republican leaders informed on what the Jackson county

Representatives are going to help stir up the din. His paper in its Sunday issue carried a story similar to the one the St. Louis Globe-Democrat sorrowfully doled out.

Other newspaper men assigned to "cover" the Fifty-first General Assembly, most of whom well known and old timers at the work, are: Frank Wickizer, St. Joseph News-Press; R. D. Lewis, St. Joseph Gazette; L. E. Mendenhall, St. Louis Times; Robert E. Hollway, Kansas City Post; Jack Williams, Joplin Globe; L. E. Reed, St. Louis Star; J. D. Leslie, Underwriter; E. H. Reynolds, Associated Press; Harry Mann, Columbia Missourian; Heber Nations, Jefferson City Evening Post; Rufus Hollister, Missouri State Journal; Means Ray, Jefferson City Capitol News; Joseph A. Goldman, Jefferson City Democrat-Tribune; T. Speed Mosby, Missouri Message; Miss Adalyn Faria, special writer, St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Two newspaper war horses who were here, together with the writer, during past sessions, Gaty Pallen and Joseph A. McAuliffe, are among the missing. Gaty Pallen "did the Legislature" first, for the St. Louis Star, and finally, for the St. Louis Republic. Joe McAuliffe, who now is managing editor of the St. Louis Globe-Democrat, in former years represented the St. Louis Post-Dispatch. Geo. Eads, "Bill" Cochran, A. Sidney Johnson, Tom Masterson, Tom Rodgers, and one or two others of the last decade, are also not here for the reason that they have embarked in lines not so trying on the nerves and which are more lucrative. Gaty Pallen is now publicity manager for the Mercantile Trust Co. of St. Louis.

### A Capitol City Conard

For several years until the close of 1920, Heber Nations was the regular Jefferson City staffman of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch. Then he purchased the Jefferson City Post and has been devoting his time to making a real, live evening paper out of it. So far he has been successful in that trying ordeal, regardless of keen competition from two other capital city dailies.

At the present moment the Post and the Capitol News are engaged in a journalistic combat over "who struck Irresistible Bill, or was he cut, or did some one push him, or was it really a fall." Jefferson City is sitting spellbound anxiously awaiting a solution of the thrilling movie mystery. It is the only real mystery the Capitol City has had since the "mysterious stranger" returned to power on Jan. 10, last.

Vincent M. Carroll, after the General Assembly adjourns, will remain in Jefferson City as the staff correspondent of the Post-Dispatch.

Jack Williams of the Joplin Globe is also State Chief for the Missouri branch of the American Legion. He is looking after the State bonus for the men Missouri sent to the front in the world war and watching other legislative measures ex-service men are interested in.

Edwards, when the Legislature is not in session, besides the Kansas City Journal, also grinds out copy for the St. Joseph News-Press and the St. Louis Star. In addition to the Kansas City Post, Hollaway, between General Assemblies, energetically serves the St. Louis Times with Capitol City news, and Oldham then does similar work for both the St. Louis Globe-Democrat and the Kansas City Star-Times.

Of late Jefferson City has become populous and important enough as a source of news for the Associated Press to constantly have a regular staff man here. E. H. McReynolds will remain in that capacity when the Fifty-first General Assembly adjourns.

### TUNNEL

Dr. Evans of Bonne Terre was called here Tuesday on account of the serious illness of Robert Cain.

S. A. Sykes was a Bonne Terre visitor Tuesday.

Miss Clara Douglas was guest of Miss Clara Shannon a few days last week.

Mrs. Amos Moore visited at the home of H. C. Carter Wednesday.

Sholt Richardson visited at the home of J. M. Appleberry Monday.

Jake Busher was a Bonne Terre visitor Friday.

J. M. Appleberry visited Wm. Benham Wednesday.

Miss Edna Crossman of Silver Springs visited her grandmother, Mrs. Roberts, of Primrose, Saturday.

S. P. Cole, Jr., of Valles Mines, visited at the home of J. M. Appleberry Wednesday.

Miss Hattie Appleberry was a Bonne Terre visitor Saturday.

J. W. Ellis was a Bonne Terre visitor last week.

W. A. Carter visited his grandson, Lona Hearst, of DeSoto, Monday.

Misses Leona Head, Viola McGee and Bartin visited at the home of Frank Porter Sunday.

Miss Hattie and Homer Appleberry visited at S. P. Cole's Saturday and Sunday.

Peter Parker visited his mother, Mrs. Tom Richardson, Sunday.

Virgil and Emmett Ketcherside, Oscar Richardson and John Rowe visited at the home of "Mrs. N. Moses" Thursday night.

Alvie Holdman attended a dance at Buttingburg Saturday night.

Quite a number from here attended the dance at S. P. Cole's Saturday night.

W. A. Carter is spending this week with his daughter, Mrs. T. E. Spurgin, of Fertile.

Jas. Douglas, Arvil Locke attended the dance at S. P. Cole's Saturday night.

Miss Edna DeGonia was a Tunnel visitor Monday evening.

Mrs. Bessie Wolfe, of St. Louis, has been visiting her mother, Mrs. A. J. Locke, of Silver Springs, a few days this week.

S. P. Cole, Jr., was a Tunnel visitor Monday.

Miss Alpha Nash, of Big River, was a Bonne Terre visitor Saturday.

# A Big Slash in Lumber PRICES

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| 1st Grade Ceiling reduced.....          | \$40.00 per 1,000 feet |
| 1st Grade Flooring reduced.....         | \$70.00 per 1,000 feet |
| Boxing reduced .....                    | \$30.00 per 1,000 feet |
| Finishing Lumber reduced.....           | \$50.00 per 1,000 feet |
| Sheathing Lumber reduced.....           | \$30.00 per 1,000 feet |
| Siding-Weatherboard-Clear reduced ..... | \$35.00 per 1,000 feet |
| Dimension Lumber reduced.....           | \$30.00 per 1,000 feet |
| Laths reduced .....                     | \$15.00 per 1,000      |
| Shingles, Best Grade, reduced.....      | \$ 5.00 per square     |
| Windows reduced .....                   | 25 per cent            |
| Doors reduced .....                     | 25 per cent            |

The above are pre-war prices and are on the very best grades of lumber. We have a good stock on hand. Now is the time to plan your Farm and City Building. We are just receiving a car of shingles from the Northwest and will also have a car of Spring Fertilizers in next week.

There has also been a reduction in Ready-Mixed Paint, Lead and Oil.

Don't buy your Poultry Wire Fencing until you have seen our line.

**WE DON'T FAIL TO GET OUR PRICES.**

## Tetley-Klein Lumber Co.

### ELVINS

Mr. and Mrs. B. Conrad, of Flav River, are visiting his parents, Jake Conrad and wife.

Jim Bessinger went to St. Louis Thursday and returned Saturday.

Tops Flaner and Bill Newcomb, of Flat River, were visiting friends here Sunday.

E. L. Bessinger went to Farmington on business Saturday.

Miss Edna Robinson of St. Louis, was called home by the death of her aunt.

Geo. Kinney returned here Saturday from Fredericktown, after a few days' visit with his mother and other relatives.

Mrs. Mary Kinney, of Fredericktown, came here Saturday to visit relatives.

Chas. Allen has started a shoe shop at Moyer's store.

Mrs. T. J. Buckner and little daughter, Virginia, went to St. Louis Friday, where they will spend a few days visiting relatives and friends.

Daisy Doiron, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Doiron, has recovered from an attack of pneumonia.

Mrs. H. A. Hulsey is quite ill this week.

Bert Pinkley and son, Ed, were Farmington visitors Friday.

Mrs. Maggie James and son, Chris, were Farmington visitors Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Doiron have purchased a residence on South Main street from Bert Rolens.

Kathryn Finger is reported on the sick list.

Jim Bessinger has accepted a position at Max Fox's commission house at Flat River.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Stringer, Jan. 30th, a son.

Mr. Bartley, who has been sick for a short time, went down town Saturday and on his return home had a convulsion.

Buddie Black and Floyd Plymale went to Flat River this week.

R. Berryman and son went to Flat River Saturday, visiting friends.

Lester and Ester Black went to Bismarck Sunday to visit friends.

Howard Halbrook went home from school ill Thursday of last week.

Miss Virginia Sizemore has accepted a position in the Gibson tailor shop.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Klein and son, Leo, spent Sunday in Bonne Terre, visiting friends.

Paul Sutton, who has been employed in Detroit, has returned home to seek employment.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Baker and Mrs. M. O'Dell, of Esther, visited friends here Monday.

Mrs. Victoria Coleman is reported sick this week.

Robert Dale, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Morris Wolfe, of West Elvins, is reported very ill.

Clarence Whaley, of St. Louis, visited friends here last week.

Gussie Teffer is on the sick list.

Mrs. J. E. Wood and daughter, Lillie, were visiting friends in Flav River Tuesday.

Mrs. Jim Maken, of Flat River, visited Mrs. Henry Routh last Friday.

Robt. Gann, of near Loughboro, transacted business here Saturday.

Oda McLeod, of Flat River, visited friends here Saturday and Sunday.

Elvie Mehugheing, of Black River, came here Wednesday of last week to visit relatives, returning Saturday.

Mr. Calkins bought a new home from Dave Thurman.

Arthur Tucker, Claude Conrad and Edna Conrad attended a linen shower at Flat River Tuesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Norris and children were in Farmington Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Bartlet were Flat River visitors Tuesday.

Harry Propst and Ernest Berryman were in Flat River Friday on business.

Misses Rhoda and Ethel Whaley, of St. Louis, were called home on account of the death of their mother.

Bessie, of Desloge, visited their daughter and sister here Friday.

Dallas Sumpter, who has been employed in St. Louis, returned here this week.

Walter Richeson was transacting business in Bismarck Saturday afternoon.

Ernest and Arthur Berryman were Seventown visitors Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Calkins were in Flat River Sunday.

Casey Ivester and Miss Edith Calkins visited in Flat River Sunday.

Geo. Kinney returned to Detroit, after spending two weeks here with relatives.

Sam Morris went to Terre Blue Monday to visit relatives.

Giles Hunt, of Farmington, was a business visitor here Tuesday.

Jesse Dunn, of Chloride, Mo., visited relatives and friends here Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Ruth Sports, of Desloge, has come here to attend school the rest of the term.

Ed. Harlen, of St. Louis, is visiting relatives and friends here this week.

Henry Byers returned from Bunker Sunday, after a few days' visit with home-folks.

B. W. Black and E. L. Bessinger transacted business at Farmington Wednesday.

### LIBERTYVILLE

Rev. R. L. Allen preached two very interesting sermons at the Christian church here last Sunday.

Lloyd Ferguson and Babe Ballard were visitors in our community Wednesday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Laws, of Flat River, spent a few days here last week with the latter's brother, Albert Belken, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. O. P. McCarver are visiting their son, Perry, and family near Matthews, Mo.

Mrs. T. L. Haney and children, Ralph, Iva and Ida, and Miss Elsie Schlick, of Flat River, spent last Thursday here with the former's sister, Mrs. Leo Moran.

Miss Geraldine Perkins, of Spott, spent the past week here with her aunt, Mrs. W. A. Simpson.

Will Hines, of Womack, passed through here last Friday enroute to Farmington.

Leo Moran sawed wood one day last week for Kinkadee brothers.

Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Bell spent last Thursday with the latter's brother, Albert Wade, and wife near Coffman.

Mrs. A. H. King spent Friday with her daughter, Mrs. Roan, of Coldwater.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. VanSickel, of Bonne Terre, spent a few hours here last Sunday with the former's mother, Mrs. A. E. VanSickel.

Miss Kate Shaw, of Farmington spent last Saturday and Sunday here with her mother, Mrs. Shaw.

Frank Porter, of Route 3, spent last Saturday night here with his cousin, Oliver Moore, and family.

John Simpson is doing some carpenter work for P. A. Cushman.

Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Moran spent last Sunday at the home of their uncle, Geo. Fox.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Davis were visitors in this community last Sunday.

Dr. G. L. Watkins made a professional call here this week.

Mrs. Ashby spent the first of this week in St. Louis, returning home Tuesday.

Mrs. F. L. Graham spent one night last week with friends at Fredericktown.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Tillman are the proud parents of a little son, born Tuesday, Feb. 8th.

Miss Blanche Scott, of Farmington, spent Saturday night and Sunday here with Mrs. H. B. Presnell and family.

Little Miss Octavia Tillman is quite sick at this writing.

Hubert Simpson, of Bonne Terre, and Frank Simpson, of Farmington, spent Saturday night and Sunday here with relatives.

Mr. Story has moved to the farm of Gladden Kinkadee this week, where he will have employment for the spring and summer.

Miss Pauline Simpson, of Fredericktown, is here nursing in the Tillman home.

Mrs. Chas. Coffman, of Coffman, is here visiting at the home of her sister, Mrs. J. R. Tillman.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Presnell visited at the home of P. A. Shaw at Farmington last Sunday afternoon.

Misses Pauline and Lizzie Cowley spent Saturday night and Sunday here with their sister, Mrs. Henry Sebastian, and family.

The ciphering match and pie supper at our school here on last Saturday night was well attended and everyone present expressed themselves as having spent an enjoyable evening.

Monroe Lewis, Jr., received a box of stationery for being the best in ciphering. Miss Mary Tetley from Farmington received a box of candy for the prettiest young lady present.

Homer Presnell received the most votes for being the laziest man in the community and the prize he received was a fine Barred Plymouth Rock cockerel handsomely decorated with red ribbons.

We are having a good school this winter, with Miss Moon, principal, and Miss Harriett Tetley, teacher of the primary grades.

The boys' basket ball team from here went to Fredericktown Tuesday night of this week, where they played the Fredericktown team. The Libertyville boys were victorious, the score being 12 to 10. The Fredericktown team seems to realize now that our boys can play ball. Several from here went to see the game.

Miss Fay V. Hunt, of St. Louis, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Hunt.